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Mr. Goldwater and the A-11

Senator Goldwater, asked in Durham, N.H., if he favored using the newly-revealed 2000-mile-an-hour A-11 jet for spying on Soviet Russia, said he did. Mr. Goldwater, a major general in the Air Force Reserve, is often prompt to offer his views on strategy and tactics. But what about Soviet antiaircraft defenses, which knocked down the U-2 in 1960? Also, the Senator was a bit ahead of the Pentagon, which wants to conduct more tests before deciding whether the A-11 is to be a fighter-interceptor, reconnaissance craft or maybe something else. It would be interesting to speculate, in addition, on what would happen after Russian radar learned we were once more using manned aircraft to spy on the Soviets, pledges to the contrary notwithstanding. Perhaps Mr. Goldwater is too busy campaigning to think of all the consequences.

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